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WORLD HUNT ON FOR LOOPER OF U. OF P. FUNDS

Walter Unger, Wanted for \$200,000 Embezzlement, May Try to Reach S. America

Known as "BOY PLUNGER" AT DIER & CO. OFFICES Margin Account With Recently Failed Brokers Said to Have Been Their Biggest

AGED PATRON ILL OF SHOCK Francis B. Reeves, His Sponsor, May Be Held by Trustees Accountable for Loss

What Unger Looks Like Six feet tall, weighs 150 pounds, his build is slender.

Walter A. Unger, "Boy Speculator," trusted employe of the Girard National Bank and assistant treasurer of the Evans Dental Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, is being sought in a man-hunt that has extended over the continent and to South America and Europe.

He is wanted for looting the institute's strong box of bonds and cash to a possible total of \$200,000.

Unger, who is twenty-seven years old and a protege of Francis B. Reeves, eighty-six-year-old treasurer of the institute, is said to have dissipated a fortune gambling with stocks as star client of E. D. Dier & Co., the brokerage house which smashed in spectacular fashion January 16.

The assistant treasurer of the institute disappeared a week ago today. His home was at Barnmouth, which is about half a mile beyond Cynwrd and just at the entrance to the West Laurel Hill Cemetery. He lived there with his mother, Mrs. Walter Unger, in a beautiful three-story stone and frame house which the family is said to have purchased about a year ago.

The news of Unger's disappearance was kept secret in the hope that a famous private detective agency, immediately notified when the loss was discovered, would locate and arrest him before he had a chance to get far away.

All Outlets Watched Though the youthful speculator had more than a twenty-four-hour start on the detectives, they have found no trace of him as yet. Every port being watched, and the Canadian border. It is believed he may try to make a break for South America, hoping to escape extradition, and a double watch is being kept on every route leading south.

Mr. Reeves, his aged patron, is pronounced ill at his home in Germantown from shock. Mr. Reeves, former president of the Girard National Bank and chief chairman of the Board of Directors of that institution, employed Unger as confidential secretary at the bank.

The trustees of the Evans Institute called a hasty meeting to consider Unger's flight and the consequent heavy loss the institute has sustained. Unger got a total salary of \$225 a month, \$75 from the institute and \$150 from the bank.

The first intimation that the young man had speculated and lost came in a letter written to his mother and received after his disappearance. He had written to her from the firms with which he had speculated.

Credit Balance Found Search of the books of Dier & Co., made by Clarence Loeb, ancillary receiver for the firm in this city, disclosed an account that showed a balance to Unger of \$75,000.77. Mr. Loeb expects to find other balances in other books of the company, which he is scrutinizing.

Investigation disclosed that Unger did his stock speculating while working every day at the bank, over the telephone and the name of his sister, Miss Anna Unger, who knew nothing of his speculations.

His mail from Dier & Co. was sent him either in his sister's name at the bank or to the office of Harry Alker, an attorney in the Land Title Building. Mr. Alker met Unger in the office of the late J. Levering Jones, who was president of the Evans Institute.

The one book account which has been turned in is Miss Anna Unger's "debit" to Unger. It shows an amount, well over \$75,000. It does not indicate what Unger owed Dier & Co.

Securities Used Listed The account was made up of Atchafalaya, Topyka and Santa Fe 4s, Houston 7s, St. L. I. N. and S. 4s; Erie and Omar Copper. The account included also \$14,738.10 in Liberty Bonds. It is said that the institute had included \$15,000,000 in Liberty Bonds.

FUGITIVE \$200,000 EMBEZZLER



Walter A. Unger, who stole and lost the funds of Evans Dental Institute and Museum of the University of Pennsylvania in stock market plunging, lived in the house shown with his mother and sister in Barnmouth. The latter are plunged into despair at the disgrace his embezzlement and flight have brought upon them.

SUICIDE, "BUSTED," MAYOR SITS BACK

HAD LOST FORTUNE ON HARDING VISIT Man Who Died, Rather Than Become "Bum," Was Florida Realty Man Executive Committee Takes Reins in Conference With President on Fair

DROPPED \$500,000 HERE A man who committed suicide in this city March 2 rather than become what he himself termed "a bum," today was identified as Charles D. Murdock, of Miami, Fla., reported to have been worth \$500,000 a year ago.

When he took his life in the Ridgway House he had fifty-one cents in his name. The identification was made today by his brother, H. C. Murdock, a jeweler at Ninth and Chestnut streets, who lives at 5034 Walnut street.

He said his brother had made a fortune and later lost it in real estate speculation in Florida. Mr. Murdock made public a letter written by his brother just before he took his life.

"I have registered here at the Ridgway Hotel," said the letter to Murdock's wife, "and after eating a hearty breakfast I find that I have fifty-one cents. I no longer care to live. You may write here to find out what has happened."

It was learned that the man had been in this city for nearly a year, and it is understood most of his money was lost during that time. Despondent, he obtained a room in the hotel, signing the register at "C. D. Moore, Washington."

HARDING READY TO REPLY TO SENATE TREATY QUERY May Give Answer Concerning Lansing-Ishii Agreement Today Washington, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Prompt response by President Harding to the Borah resolution inquiring as to the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and Japan in event of ratification of the Four-Power Pacific Treaty was indicated today after the President conferred with Senator Lodge, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Lodge spent considerable time with the President, presumably discussing the view that the Four-Power Treaty was adopted yesterday by the Senate after Senators Underwood and Lodge, both expressed the view that the Lansing-Ishii agreement by which the United States recognized that Japan possessed a special sphere of influence in China.

"The President may send his reply to the resolution to the Senate during the day. Secretary Hughes, who returned last night from a vacation trip to Bermuda, also called at the White House during the morning, and it was presumed, went over the treaty situation with the President.

MARIO LAURENTI DIES Metropolitan Opera Star Succumbs to Spinal Meningitis New York, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Mario Laurenti, thirty years old, metropolitan opera baritone, died here this morning following a brief illness. He caught cold several days ago while on a concert tour, and died of spinal meningitis while at Syracuse, N. Y. He returned to this city, and after a few days spinal meningitis developed.

The singer was born in Verona, Italy, and came to this country seven years ago. At various times he assumed roles in "Pagliacci," "Manon," "Faust," "Die Tote Stadt" and "The Snow Maiden."

Frank Coles, brewmaster \$8.50 Frank Coles, a brewmaster in a Falls of Schuylkill brewery, was fined \$8.50 by Magistrate Brown today after a watchman testified Adler removed a red warning lamp from a hole in the street at thirty-third and New Queen streets.

\$5000 CHECK PUT BEIDLIEG MAN OUT OF RACE, SAYS VARE

Senator Home From Florida With Big Boost for Mackey for Governor

DECLARES FISHER BOOM IS DEFLATING RAPIDLY

Lieutenant Governor Beidleman is definitely out of the race for Governor because he accepted the famous \$5000 check when State Treasurer Snyder was Auditor General, Senator Vare said this afternoon on his return from Florida.

The Senator, tanned by the sun and peppery and spirited in his remarks, arrived at the West Philadelphia station at 1:25 o'clock, bringing a full-fledged boom for Harry A. Mackey for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Acceptance by Beidleman of \$5000 in State funds aside from his salary as Lieutenant Governor, the Senator intimated, blasted the Dauphin County man's hopes of elevating himself to the executive chair.

Another element that makes Beidleman unacceptable, the Senator continued, is the bitter feeling against Beidleman among voters. The antagonism was caused by Beidleman's vitriolic speeches against woman suffrage in the State Senate in 1913 and 1915.

Senator Vare said he has been advised that if Beidleman decides to dare the resentment of the women voters women leaders are preparing to broadcast Beidleman's anti-suffrage speeches.

"Fisher Boom Deflating" Senator Vare said further that the boom for State banking Commissioner Fisher is rapidly deflating and that it does not amount to much.

Senator Vare discussing the appointment of Victor Rosewater as publicity director of the executive committee of the Grand Jury, said he would have liked the place for himself, at the end of his term, because, said the Senator, "he can make more out of nothing in the way of advertising than any man I ever knew."

Senator Vare intimated for the first time that there was scarcely any question about his supporting Senator Penrose for the unexpired term of Senator Penrose, though it is understood he feels that the new Senator's attitude on the bonus and his Albany speech praising Boss Barnes were not good politics.

Senator Vare also said that probably his friends would support Senator Crow, indicating thereby that it was not certain that Crow would run. If Crow does run, the Senator said, he would support him.

Vare's boom for Mackey is based on an understanding that Roosevelt Progressives of 1912, who were led by William Flinn, will turn in for Mackey and not for Clifford Pinchot. In the field by such men as Flinn, if Beidleman was the organization candidate.

Kept Well Informed Vare's declaration against Beidleman plainly indicates that when W. Harry Baker, manager for Beidleman, called on Vare at the West Philadelphia station, he was in Florida, and that he was in Philadelphia to take the Lieutenant Governor out of the race.

While the Senator was South, nearly every important Pennsylvania who was in Florida stopped over for a chat. Senator Vare appeared to know the state of affairs just as intimately as if he had been in Philadelphia.

The Senator was met by newspapermen at the station on the Florida Special, when he arrived in Washington this morning. He was in his shirt sleeves and wore a golf cap. With him were Mrs. Vare, his children, Florida, Dorothy, George and Abigail, and Miss Catherine Cox, of Roxborough, a schoolmate of Miss Flora Vare.

In the course of his remarks Senator Vare declared that the Philadelphia

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Beidleman Still in Race, Campaign Manager Says

W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Republican State Committee, arrived here from Miami, Fla., at 11 o'clock. He denied reports that Lieutenant Governor Beidleman has dropped his campaign for the Governorship nomination.

"Everything is harmonious in the party," Baker continued. "Nobody in Florida wanted to talk politics. They went there for a rest and they made sure they got one."

Baker dropped in at the Republican State headquarters on South Broad street and then left for Harrisburg.

4 ACCUSED OF BANK PLOT FREED BY MAGISTRATE

Charges Brought by Ex-Labor Leader Dismissed Four men arrested Saturday charged with an attempt to wreck the Mechanics and Merchants Trust Company, a bank which has not yet opened for business, were discharged this morning by Magistrate Dugan. The magistrate held that inasmuch as the bank had not been opened it would have been difficult for the men to engage in a plot to wreck it.

The warrant for their arrest was sworn out by H. S. Jeffery, its organizer and president. It was alleged that the men had given out information that was detrimental to the bank.

The men arrested are Alfred Hart, of Pittman, N. J.; Andrew McNamara, E. S. Starnett, of Washington, and C. Kriger, of Philadelphia.

TWO ARBUCKLE WITNESSES INDICTED FOR PERJURY

Records, Says State's Attorney, Show They Gave False Testimony San Francisco, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Minnie Neighbors, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Frances S. Bates, of Chicago, who testified for the defense in the Arbutckle case, were indicted on perjury charges early today by the County Grand Jury.

Mrs. Neighbors testified at Arbutckle's trial that she saw Miss Virginia Happe, in connection with the case, and is accused of manslaughter, at Wheeler Hot Springs, Ventura County, Calif., in August, 1921, and that Miss Happe had accused two sick people while at the Hot Springs.

District Attorney Matthew Brady, after the Grand Jury session, said he had presented the jury with evidence to prove Mrs. Neighbors' testimony was untrue at the time stated by Mrs. Neighbors.

"I doubt if Miss Happe ever was at this Hot Springs," said Brady. Mrs. Bates testified at the second trial of Arbutckle, that she worked with Miss Happe in a Chicago department store in 1913, where the film actress had been employed as a model.

The Grand Jury with records from the Chicago store to show that Mrs. Bates worked at the establishment in 1913, was discharged in 1919, and had not been re-employed. Brady, in a statement giving his reasons for asking the indictments, said he intended to prosecute "all persons who commit perjury."

"It is considered this far more important than prosecuting persons charged with other felony," Brady said.

READY TO REPAY \$10,000 INSURANCE, SAYS DR. ROY

Notes Protecting Company in Des Moines Reported to Be Prepared Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Los Angeles, Calif., March 7.—Dr. Harold E. Roy, the Swarthmore graduate and New York dentist, who was believed to have been dead until he recently rejoined his wife in Los Angeles, last night said negotiations have been completed for the repayment to the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, of the \$10,000 which his supposed widow received.

For almost a year Dr. Roy was missing and was believed dead as a result of the wrecking of his canoe by a vesel in the Hudson River. He said last night that his health and memory are excellent and that he is still undecided whether to make his home here or to return to New York City.

Information from Des Moines was to the effect that notes protecting the insurance company in full have been prepared and depositions have been forwarded. Dr. Roy declined to divulge the details of the negotiations and to say the settlement had been reached.

CHILD IN AUTO HURT Is Thrown Through Windshield on Broadway, Camden

William Stahl, three years old, was hurled through the windshield of an automobile driven by his mother, Mrs. Harry Stahl, of Audubon, N. J., when the wheels of the machine were caught in a car track today at Pine street and Broadway, Camden.

After the child had been tossed out the car rolled to the sidewalk, smashing a plate glass window. Mrs. Stahl and another child, John, two years old, escaped injury.

William was taken to the Cooper Hospital, where it was found that a three-inch gash had been cut in his right cheek.

DR. PRINCE TO PLY GHOST WITNESSES WITH 500 QUERIES

Exhaustive Questionnaire First Step in Scientist's Probe of Antigonish Mystery

PARTY APPROACHES SCENE, BATTLING SNOWDRIFTS

By a Special Correspondent with the Antigonish Expedition Antigonish, N. S., March 7.—Today members of the Dr. Franklin Prince expedition are nearing the abandoned farm of Alexander MacDonald, the scene of the weird happenings giving rise to the famous Antigonish "ghost" mystery, which the scientist is going to investigate.

Bright and early in the morning we started toward the "no man's land" of Antigonish County. We got there today, or we may get stalled in the snowdrifts which are piling higher and higher. Yesterday we rode in comfortable coaches on the Canadian National Railway express. Then we transferred to one-horse cutters, the only conveyance in all their glory and spade of Antigonish this time of the year.

When the last expedition invaded this scene of snowdrifts, the weather was 40 below zero with a terrific blizzard sweeping the marshes. It was essential at that time to shovel ourselves out of ditches into which we blindly drove. "If it gets below zero and blizzards 'bloom' in all their glory and fury" and we're apt to be engulfed in one way or another.

Dr. Prince says he is far more afraid of Nova Scotia's Jack Frost than he is of "ghosts." "If it gets below zero and blizzards 'bloom' in all their glory and fury" and we're apt to be engulfed in one way or another.

Those Mysterious Bells Dr. Prince yesterday took us into his confidence and for the first time told us what we were up against. What puzzles us the most, though, are no questions; is why he insists on having a room to himself in the house. He says this is essential and insists that we must not enter this room at least while he is at work. Another thing we do not understand is the mysterious bells which he has. "Wait till the bells ring, then you'll understand."

All he will say about bells is: "He has, however, told us enough to make us eager to reach the abandoned farmhouse, the home for a lifetime of the MacDonald family, from which they fled January 14 after thirty-eight days had broken out in one night, following other nights of terror. In detailing his plans Dr. Prince said, 'After reaching the MacDonald house, it is my intention first of all to make sure that I am going to be warm. I have traveled 1000 miles to get here, and I don't want to be chilled to death.'"

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NEW BROKERAGE TANGLE

Bankruptcy Petition Against C. H. Clarkson & Co. of New York New York, March 7.—(By A. P.)—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in Federal Court today against Charles H. Clarkson & Co., of New York, 66 Broadway, on petition of three creditors.

The liabilities were estimated at \$145,000 and assets at \$70,000. The company, which is incorporated, has no exchange affiliation. It is composed of Charles H. Clarkson and Vernon H. Ingram. A Bruce Bielaski was appointed receiver by Judge John C. Knox with a bond of \$20,000.

WRESTLER USES PISTOL Becomes Enraged in 'Friendly Bout' and Kills Opponent

Huntingdon, Pa., March 7.—(By A. P.)—Striking in a friendly wrestling bout and growing livelier as their respective friends urged on the contest, Crazio Insalco, one of the combatants, finally became so enraged that he suddenly drew a pistol, shot and killed Harry Everhart, his antagonist.

Everhart was thirteen years old and Insalco is twenty-three. The latter has been arrested on a charge of murder.

HOPES TO PAY-PHILA. SCHOOL FUNDS IN ARREARS

State Treasurer Snyder announced today that he hopes to pay Philadelphia \$713,847, due from the General School Appropriation, by March 15. This sum is due for the school year 1920-21.

DISPUTE OVER BRAZIL ELECTION RESULT

RIO JANEIRO, March 7.—Rio Janeiro newspapers are at variance as to the result of the presidential election held March 1. On unofficial returns the Jornal Comercio, a semi-official organ, gives Governor Arthur Bernardes, of Minas Geraes, 417,000; Nilo Peçanha, who was President of the republic in 1909-10, 267,000. The Correio de Manha, which is supporting Peçanha, gives him 315,000; Bernardes, 298,000. The winner will succeed President Epitacio Pessoa.

DIES FROM STAB IN NECK

Man Fatally Wounded During Brawl in Street Stabbed in the neck and right arm during a brawl in the street last night, Christo Guntzow, 324 Gaskill street, was fatally wounded. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where he died.

Patrolmen Fitzgerald and Flynn, who stopped the fight, said there were no less than six men engaged in the battle. They arrested Louis Colidius, 235 South street, charged with the stabbing and at a hearing in the Third and De Lanoy streets station was held without bail for the Grand Jury.

Holyoke's "Bambino"



MARY H. HOWES A Philadelphia girl, who lives at 4430 Sanson street, is the left fielder of the freshman baseball team at Mount Holyoke College. Miss Howes does not get \$75,000 a year or a bonus for home runs.

INSURGENTS SEIZE MORE OF LIMERICK

Ten Companies of Regulars Sent From Dublin to Quell Revolt

By the Associated Press Limerick, March 7.—Detachments of Irish Republican Army troops which invaded Limerick last Sunday and commandeered the principal hotels, extended their occupation today by taking possession of the technical school. The situation early this afternoon was quiet, although some tension was felt last night.

With the town occupied by three distinct forces—British troops which have not yet been evacuated, Free State Republicans and members of the Irish Republican Army, the situation today was full of possibilities.

The British troops here are confined to their barracks. The Free State forces are occupying barracks and the police stations. The streets today were quiet, although some tension was felt last night.

It is considered here that the policy probably developed an effort to adjust the situation by negotiation before other measures are taken.

Dublin, March 7.—(By A. P.)—Irish Republican Army headquarters here is understood to be dealing energetically with the cautious action of the Republican forces at Limerick. Other reports that Republican units were boarding trains at Dublin yesterday. Their destination was not revealed, but it is believed to be Limerick. Other reports that Republican units were boarding trains at Dublin yesterday.

These rumors lacked substantiation, but it was agreed that Free State troops would stubbornly resist dispossession and, in the event of an attack, the barracks would be vigorously defended. No breach of peace had been reported early today. Lack of authentic news intensified seriousness of the real situation. Freeman's Journal, under the headline, "A Dangerous Curve," declared:

Attempts are being made to carry on political propaganda and develop malicious spirit in certain sections of Ireland.

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HARDING IS FIRM AGAINST SCHEME OF BONUS LOANS

Unyielding in Opposition to Bill That Does Not Provide Funds by Taxation

NEW PLAN WOULD HURT REFUNDING OF WAR BONDS

President Guided More by Bankers' Principles Than by Politicians' Urging

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE BOTHERS Ways and Means Committee Agrees on Fordney Measure and Orders It Reported

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company

Washington, March 7.—President Harding is the obstacle which the promoters of the latest Bonus Bill have encountered. He told Chairman Fordney, of the House Ways and Means Committee, yesterday substantially what Secretary Mellon later told that gentleman, namely, that the plan for letting the soldiers use Government credit for borrowing from the banks was the "worst yet."

This attitude of the President has thrown the plans of those who are trying to buy the soldier vote in the next congressional election once more into confusion. The bill, all ready to be reported, is held up and the Ways and Means Committee is thinking again.

According to Mr. Mellon, the President is against any bonus bill which does not raise the money to pay the soldiers by taxation. The Congressmen who are coming up for re-election are afraid of taxation. And so there is a deadlock. The utmost that seems possible is the passage of some bill through the House which, in view of the President's opposition, will be held up in the Senate. The Congressmen can then tell their soldier constituents that they voted for a bonus.

Would Exhaust Credit The vice of the bill which Mr. Harding and the Secretary of the Treasury oppose is that it would exhaust much of the credit upon which the Government must draw for refunding the Victory Loans and the outstanding notes, about \$8,000,000,000.

The Government, to accomplish this great operation, must turn to the banks. But the Fordney bonus bill would have raided the banks before the Government could ask their aid in its borrowings. The result would be a higher rate of interest on the refunding bonds, which in turn would depress the outstanding Liberty Bonds, and in three years it would mean a refunding of the soldiers' borrowings, which would add to the Government once more into the bond market.

Nothing in Mr. Harding's Administration has more credit upon him than his firmness upon the bonus question. He has been subjected to enormous pressure by the politicians and by the soldiers' organizations. He is himself a politician, but his sense of duty and inclination is to compromise. His party is in difficulties, though improving business conditions may clear up the clouds which presently surround Republican prospects.

Sees Only the Sales Tax Yet he has taken the position that if a bonus is to be granted, a clear way of raising funds to meet it must be provided. There must not be a bonus which will send the Government into the bond markets. The only form of taxation which the President can see that will be adequate is the sales tax.

In spite of the most enormous pressure which has ever been brought to bear upon a President, Mr. Harding has stood firm. His own position has been weakened by the indirect promise which he made while running in the Ohio primary for the presidential nomination. That commitment to additional compensation for the soldiers some time in the future.

The truth is that the country is in no position to stand the burden of providing several billions of additional dollars.

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SOUTH CAROLINA TORNADO KILLS 6, INJURES SCORES

Three Towns Swept by Storm and Great Damage Wrought Augusta, Ga., March 7.—(By A. P.)—Six persons were killed and scores injured in a tornado which just before daybreak today swept the mill town of Warrenville, S. C., and the village of Stillpoint, S. C.

Lancaster, S. C., ten miles from Augusta, also was reported to have sustained heavy damages as a result of the storm.

Warrenton, Ga., several miles from Augusta up the Georgia Railroad, is also reported to have suffered.

Macon, Ga., March 7.—(By A. P.)—After the heaviest rain in Macon since the Weather Bureau was established twenty-three years ago, the Ocmulgee River was out of its banks early today and the Government weather observer was preparing to issue flood warnings for both the Ocmulgee and Oostana Rivers. The rainfall from 3:25 P. M. yesterday until 6 o'clock this morning was 6.37 inches. The nearest approach to this record down here is 6.2 inches February 24-25, 1919.

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